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CIGARETTE PACKAGE OPENER AND CONTAINER

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Fig. 1

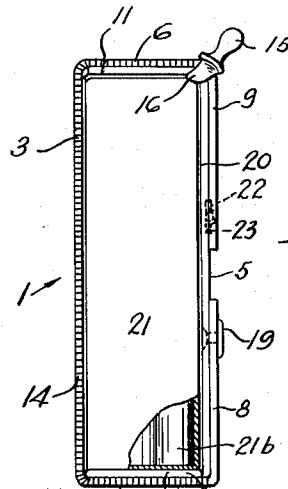
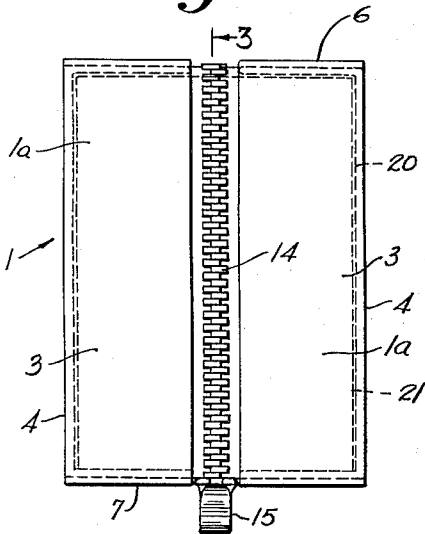


Fig. 3

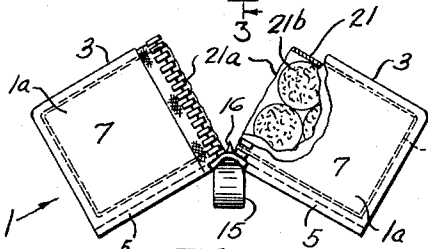


Fig. 5

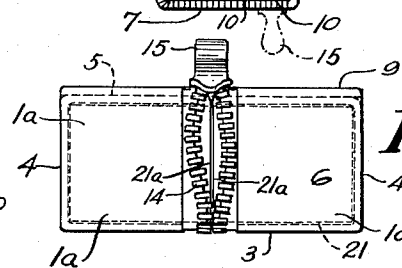


Fig. 4

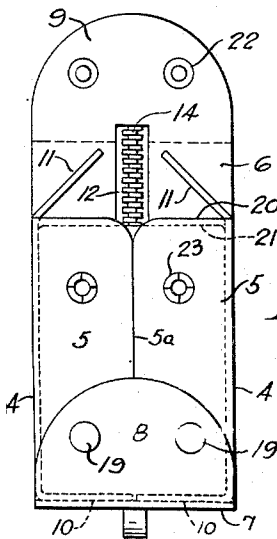


Fig. 2

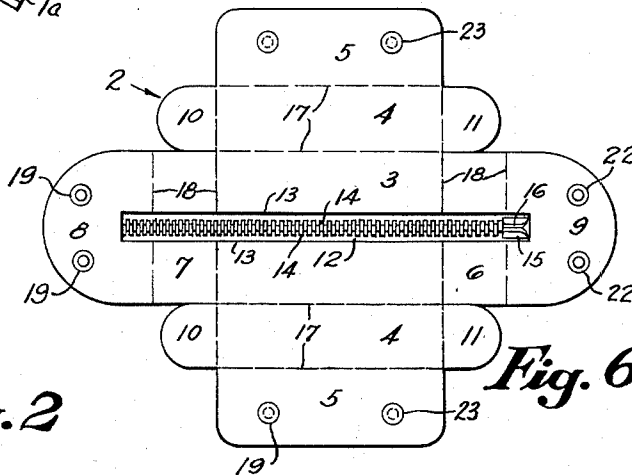


Fig. 6

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This invention relates to a container for a cigarette package equipped with a device for therewith slitting or opening the package retained therein, for the subsequent removal of the cigarettes from the package and container.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an improved article for the aforesaid purpose, which will be conveniently and economically manufacturable, saleable at low cost, strong, durable, reliable, and conveniently and efficiently utilizable.

Other objects and advantages will hereinafter appear.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the cigarette package opener and container constituting the invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view of the container shown in Fig. 1, in a reduced scale.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal cross-sectional elevational view of the container, taken on line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the container shown in Figs. 1, 3.

Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view of the container, showing it as it appears when in operative utilizable condition, after the slitting of the cigarette package therein.

Fig. 6 is a plan view, in a reduced scale, illustrating the blank from which the cigarette opener and container is made.

The container 1, Figs. 1, 2, is initially made of a blank 2 of leather or other suitable pliable material, Fig. 6, which includes a median rectangular area 3 constituting the front wall of the container, areas 4 for its side walls, areas 5 which together form the rear wall, areas 6, 7 for its top and bottom wall, respectively, a bottom flap 8, a top flap 9, and lateral flaps 10, 11. Astride its longitudinal centre line the blank 2 is provided with a slot 12, each rim 13 of which is equipped with a hookless fastener part 14 operated to open and close by a key 15 carrying a cutter 16. The container 1 is erected from the blank 2 by laterally folding the side walls 4 and rear wall areas 5 along score lines 17 in manner shown in Fig. 2, folding the bottom wall 7 and bottom flap 8 on score lines 18, securing the flap 8 to the rear wall areas by rivets 19, with the lateral flaps 10 folded inwardly as shown, whereby there is created an interior receptacle 20 for therewith inserting a usual cigarette package 21, closeable by bending thereover the lateral flaps 11, top wall 6, and top flap 9 as shown. The top wall 9 is locked to the rear wall 5, by snap fasteners 22 carried by the

former engaging cooperating members 23 of the latter. When the container 1 is thus in erected condition, its slot 12 extends from the intersection of its top wall 6 with the rear wall 5, across said wall, across front wall 3, and across bottom wall 7, which slot is openable and closable by the hookless fastener parts 14 operable by the key 15, and when the latter is actuated to fully open the slot 12 the container becomes converted into two half-members 1a, Fig. 5, that are openable away from each other and hingedly held together by the median portion of the secured flap 8 which is in registry with the meeting line 5a of the rear flap wall portions 5.

In utilizing the container 1, the key 15 is initially brought over to the lower position shown in Fig. 1 to securingly close the half-members 1a, then the flaps 9, 11 are opened as shown in Fig. 2 for insertion of the cigarette package 21 within the receptacle 20, and then the flap 9 is locked to the rear wall 5 by the fasteners 22, 23. Thereafter, the key 15 may be completely actuated from the position in Fig. 1 to that shown in Fig. 3, in which stroke its cutter 16 slits the package 21 into two halves 21a and permits the free opening of the container members 1a therewith, for convenient removal of the cigarettes 21b, in the manner illustrated in Fig. 5. After this initial slitting of the cigarette package 21, the hookless fastener 14 and key 15 may be operated in usual manner for opening and closing the container 1 for retention and use of the cigarettes 21b.

Variations may be resorted to within the scope of the invention, and portions of the improvements may be used without others.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A container for a cigarette package consisting of a blank of pliable material folded to form a receptacle with an openable and closable flap at the end thereof for inserting the package therein, means for locking said flap in closed state, said receptacle having a median slit extending through said flap, through the front wall of the receptacle, and through the bottom wall of the receptacle, to thereby form two half-members of the receptacle hingedly held to each other by the pliability of said material, each of said members carrying a cooperating part of a hookless fastener device, a key for opening and closing said device and container, and said key carrying a cutter projecting into the container for slitting open therewith the package upon the initial opening of the device.

2. A container for a cigarette package comprising a receptacle with an openable and clos-

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able flap at the top end thereof for inserting the package therein, means for locking said flap in closed state, said receptacle having a median slit extending through said flap, through the front wall of the receptacle, and through the bottom wall of the receptacle, to thereby form two half-members of the receptacle hingedly held to each other, each of said members carrying a cooperating part of a hookless fastener device, a key for opening and closing said device and container, and said key carrying a cutter projecting into the container for therewith slitting open the package upon the initial opening of the device and container.

3. A container for a cigarette package comprising a receptacle with an openable and closable flap at the top end thereof for inserting a package therein, means for locking said flap in closed state, said receptacle having a median slit extending through said flap, through the front wall of the receptacle, and through the bottom wall of the receptacle, to thereby form two half-members of the receptacle held to each other and

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swingable away from each other about a median line of the back wall of the receptacle, each of said members carrying at said slit a cooperating part of a hookless fastener device, a key for opening and closing said device and container, and said key carrying a cutter projecting into the container for therewith slitting open the package upon the initial opening of the device and container.

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